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**Attachments:** As Biden Lifts a Ban, Transgender People Get a Long-Sought Chance to Enlist - The New York Times.pdf

Good morning!

You may have already heard but we are so excited that we felt the need to shout out the wonderful news!! This morning President Biden signed an [executive order](#) rescinding the previous administration's ban on transgender individuals serving in the military. (Detailed NYTimes article attached.)

The order's fact sheet states that, "transgender servicemembers will no longer be subject to the possibility of discharge or separation on the basis of gender identity; transgender servicemembers can serve in their gender when transition is complete and the gender marker in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is changed and **transgender servicemembers should know that they are accepted throughout the U.S. military.**"

If you wonder what being transgender in the military is like, please check out this [video about a transgender man on deployment](#) and his transgender fiancée who is also in the military.

We hope you are just as excited as we are!

With gratitude for progress,

*Missy and Shannon*

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